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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK
THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE	:	Administrative Action
APPLICATION OF	:	
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FATIMA R. LOPES	:	CONSENT ORDER
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TO PRACTICE MASSAGE AND	:	
BODYWORK THERAPY IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of
Massage and Bodywork Therapy ("Board") upon review of Fatima R.
Lopes's application for licensure as a massage and bodywork
therapist. Upon a review of the application, and the results of

the Criminal History Background Check, it was ascertained by the Board that although the applicant had indicated "N" for "no" in response to the question on the application as to whether she had ever been arrested or charged with any crime or offense, she had been arrested in 2009 for simple assault; the charges were dismissed. Ms. Lopes maintained that she answered "no" because she believed that because the charges had been dismissed she had answered appropriately.

The Board finds that the applicant knew or should have known that by failing to disclose the arrests on the application in response to the questions about arrests and/or convictions she was providing inaccurate information, and that she therefore engaged in misrepresentation on his application in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board finding that licensure as well as entry of the within order are appropriate, and sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 27th DAY OF August, 2015

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A \$100.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b). Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, and shall be submitted along with this signed order.

2. The applicant's application for licensure shall be granted upon payment of all applicable fees and demonstration of satisfaction of all requirements for licensure, if she has not already done so.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

By:

Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian
Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian
Chairperson

I have read and understand the
within Consent Order and
agree to be bound by its terms.

Fatima R. Lopes
Fatima R. Lopes

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sign